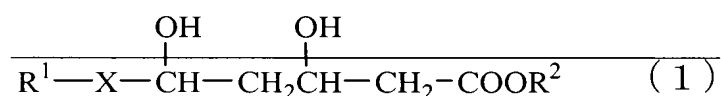


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An external preparation, that is a poultice or plaster, comprising following ingredients (A) and (B):

(A) pitavastatin, atorvastatin, a salt of pitavastatin, or a salt of atorvastatin,
~~a compound represented by the following general formula (1)~~



~~wherein R¹ represents an organic residue having a cyclic structure that may have a substituent; R² represents a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group; and X represents an ethylene group or an ethenylene group or a salt thereof; and~~

(B) [[a]] at least one monoterpene selected from the group consisting of menthol, terpineol, citronellal, and combinations thereof,

wherein the external preparation does not contain ethanol.

Claims 2-3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The external preparation according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the ingredient (A) is pitavastatin calcium [[,]] ~~or~~ atorvastatin calcium, ~~or pravastatin sodium.~~

Claims 5-6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The external preparation according to claim 1 ~~claim 6~~, wherein the ~~linear monoterpene having an aldehyde group or the monocyclic monoterpene having a hydroxyl group~~ is ~~one or more materials selected from~~ menthol, terpineol, and citronellal.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The external preparation according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~, comprising 0.001 to 20% by mass of ingredient (A) with respect to the total amount of the external preparation.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The external preparation according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~, comprising 0.01 to 15% by mass of the monoterpene with respect to the total amount of the external preparation.

Claim 10 (New): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the monoterpene is terpineol.

Claim 11 (New): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the monoterpene is citronellal.

Claim 12 (New): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the monoterpene is a combination of menthol, terpineol, and citronellal.

Claim 13 (New): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the ingredient (A) is pitavastatin calcium.

Claim 14 (New): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the ingredient (A) is atorvastatin calcium.

Claim 15 (New): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the ingredient (A) is pitavastatin.

Claim 16 (New): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the ingredient (A) is atorvastatin.

Claim 17 (New): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the ingredient (A) is pitavastatin calcium, and wherein the at least one monoterpene is menthol.

Claim 18 (New): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the external preparation is a poultice.

Claim 19 (New): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the external preparation is a plaster.

Claim 20 (New): The external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the external preparation is a plaster, wherein the ingredient (A) is pitavastatin calcium, and wherein the monoterpene is menthol.

Claim 21 (New): The external preparation according to claim 20, wherein the external preparation further comprises liquid paraffin, a styrene-isoprene-styrene copolymer, an alicyclic saturated hydrocarbon resin, and a polyoxyethylenelaurylether.

Claim 22 (New): The external preparation according to claim 21, wherein the liquid paraffin comprises 37.5 parts by mass of the external preparation, wherein the styrene-isoprene-styrene copolymer comprises 20 parts by mass of the external preparation, wherein the alicyclic saturated hydrocarbon resin comprises 35 parts by mass of the external preparation, wherein the pitavastatin calcium comprises 0.5 parts by mass of the external preparation, wherein the polyoxyethylenelaurylether comprises 5 parts by mass of the external preparation, wherein the menthol comprises 2 parts by mass of the external preparation, and wherein the total parts by mass of the external preparation is 100 parts by mass.

Claim 23 (New): The external preparation according to claim 22, wherein the menthol is 1-menthol.

Claim 24 (New): The external preparation according to claim 7, wherein the menthol is 1-menthol.